

Appl. No. 10/081,692
Reply to Office Action Dated June 14, 2006

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REMARKS

With the foregoing amendment claims 3, 4, 11-14, and 19-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5-10 and 15-18 are cancelled. Claims 3, 4, 11-14, and 19-22 are independent. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Rejections/Objections, which are discussed below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 4, 11-14, and 19-22 would be allowable if re-written in independent form to include the features of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to include the features of claim 1. The features of claim 1 have been amended, adding "capable of" to clarify their status as an apparatus claim. Thus, claims 3 and 4 are now in condition for allowance. Similarly, claims 11-14 have been amended to include the features of claims 7 and 10. Thus, claims 11-14 are now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 19-22 have been re-written in independent form. Thus, claims 19-22 are also in condition for allowance.

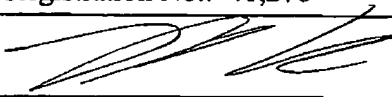
Additionally, claims 23-28 dependent from allowable claims 3 and 4, so they too are in condition for allowance. Similarly, claims 29-36 depend from allowable claims 11-14, putting them in condition for allowance. Lastly, claims 37-44 depend from allowable claims 19-22, thus claims 37-44 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

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If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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